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Rain for some but sun reigns for others

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Sunshine or showers - what can we expect? Rain warnings for parts of the UK.

This week the changeable weather continues, and heavy thundery showers and rain has led to yellow warnings being issued for the South West, Wales and East of the UK for today and the South East for tomorrow. However outside the warning areas, particularly on Wednesday many of us will see some nice weather with a chance of some good sunny spells. The weekend is also looking promising with more in the way of sunshine.

Today (Tuesday) will see some thundery downpours for parts of the east and southeast of England. Whilst many here will miss the worst of the rain and some places will see sunny spells, the heaviest showers could bring 25 mm in an hour to some spots with 40-50 mm in 2-3 hours possible.

Meanwhile an area of showers will spread from the Irish Sea across Wales, and parts of the South West and southern England today. Again, many areas will not see the heaviest showers, but some places could get 15-20 mm rain in an hour, with 30 mm or so in 2 or 3 hours.

Some parts of southern England will face another wet day tomorrow with an additional yellow warning in place as a slow-moving weather system brings 15-30 mm of rain quite widely across the area, with perhaps as much as 60-80 mm in some very isolated places through the whole day.

Chief Meteorologist Steve Ramsdale said: “Southern parts of the UK will see some heavy rain during Tuesday and Wednesday and there are National Severe Weather Warnings in place. Not everywhere will be dull and wet however, with some places missing the rain altogether and with much brighter skies across central and northern parts of the UK.

“The changeable weather means it’s a good idea to check the latest Met Office forecast to help plan your day.”

Across the UK tomorrow (Wednesday) is looking like a good day with patchy cloud and good spells of sunshine for many and temperature around 20 °C, the average for August. Andrew Stokes, VisitEngland’s Director said: “Whatever the weather there is an outstanding range of quality destinations and attractions on offer and with the ease and convenience of holidaying at home, Brits are discovering more of England and driving the economic benefits of tourism across the country.”

Looking at the rest of the week, Thursday is looking dry and bright for most with some long sunny spells and temperatures slightly above average. Friday will see some more rain and the winds picking up, particularly in the far north, before this clears to leave a good, bright weekend for most with long spells of sunshine and the occasional shower.

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